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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

SOCIAL: 6:15 P.M.
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We have adopted a local Marine family and will also be collecting toys for the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. More details are listed on pg. 8 and on our website.

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President's Pen



Just over 2,000 years ago, our world was radically changed forever by the birth of a child in Bethlehem. However, He was no ordinary child. As foretold in Scripture, the birth of Emmanuel (God with us) was such a significant event that it changed our recorded history from B.C. to A.D. This child, Jesus, is the reason we celebrate Christmas today... the fulfillment of a Promise and God's most precious gift to a world in need.

On the club front, congratulations are in order to the women of GCRW as we received the prestigious John Tower award again this year at the TFRW Convention in Ft. Worth. In addition, we also received the Newsletter Award - way to go Newsletter Team!

2011 has been such an encouragement to me personally. It is a joy to represent our club and work with such a talented and committed board. It is an honor to be named among you and I treasure the time we have spent together. Many will remain a part of next year's board, but as we transition into 2012, I would like to thank those that are rotating out for their stellar service throughout the years. You are all an inspiration to me.

I look forward to seeing you all at our annual Christmas party and installation of the 2012 Executive Board on WEDNESDAY, December 7 at Fairview Farms in Plano. May each of you truly enjoy the fullness of this season, and share it with others as you reunite with family and friends.

Merry CHRISTmas !

Susan Fletcher

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GCRW Membership Update

By Kathy Letchworth Gonzales, VP Membership

A reminder that January is just around the corner and your membership dues for 2012 are due if you are not a sponsor (yours will be later in 2012). Renewing on time has its advantages: 1) You will not receive email reminders to renew, adding to your inbox overload; 2) You will not receive numerous calls to remind you to renew in 2012.

Congratulations to Tracy and John Hancock for being the first to renew. A special thanks to Joyce Kelly, and Ted and Wendy Bathurst for renewing in November.

Ways to renew include, turn in your dues at the next meeting and let me know if there are any changes in personal information. Download the membership form from the gcrw.org website by clicking "Join Us" and mail your dues to me at 476 Scenic Ranch Circle, Fairview, Tx 75069. Or renew online using PayPal, also found on the website under "Join Us". There is an additional \$2 fee to use PayPal. Remember, dues for Active and Associate women are \$25 and Associate men are \$15. Please consider asking a candidate you support how you can help them with their campaign.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 1 Allen Area Patriots - 7 pm at the New Heritage Church. American Majority's Raz Shafer will be speaking on Precinct Power.
- Dec. 1 Dallas County GOP Christmas Party - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. PRESTONWOOD COUNTRY CLUB - 5909 PRESTON RD. DALLAS, TX 75248 RSVP to James Carter: james@dallasgop.org Donations of unwrapped toys will be collected for needy families in our area.
- Dec. 3 9am to 3:30pm - FreedomWorks and local tea parties present an exciting grassroots training and networking event. The day will be focused on growing your grassroots army and restoring constitutional conservatism in 2012. The event is free. Location: The Wilshire Room 740 S.W. Wilshire Blvd. Burleson, TX. RSVP to grassroots@freedomworks.org.
- Dec. 7 GCRW Christmas Party, Fairview Farms
- Dec. 8 7:00 p.m. - Texas Alliance for Life - kick off the sales of a new, specialty license plate with the message "Choose Life". Knights of Columbus Hall 799, 10110 Shoreview Rd. Dallas.
- Dec. 15 Allen Area Patriots Movie Night - 7:00 p.m. Agenda: Grinding America Down the most powerful expose' of communist, socialist, progressive attempt to take over America produced so far.

More details at GCRW.org

Caring for America Project

By Anna Janis, Caring for America Chair

The project SEW MUCH COMFORT was sent a total of \$440. A collection at the last meeting was \$339.70 plus a late 30 cents and a GCRW contribution of \$100, totaling a donation of \$440. Thank you so much for your generous help and support for our military.

Please know we plan on doing another project for the Spring which includes Cell phones, more information will come after the first of the year.

2012 Board Retreat Scheduled for January

By Deb Blencowe, Newsletter Design Chair

All 2011 and 2012 Board members and committee members are invited to join us for a retreat to kick off GCRW 2012 on January 14, 2012. We are currently researching a location that will accommodate our group.

On Saturday we will begin with fun, food, friendship and fellowship, followed by a great planning session. We will break for lunch and then finish up by 3 p.m. Plan now to attend.



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Americanism

"We cannot overestimate the fervent love of liberty, the intelligent courage, and the sum of common sense with which our fathers made the great experiment of self-government."

~ James Garfield

Denton County GOP Volunteer Awards Dinner

On November 17, 2011 GCRW President, Susan Fletcher gave VP-Campaigns (Collin - Denton Co.) Suzanne Blackstone the Denton County GOP Club Volunteer Appreciation Award.

Fletcher said, "Suzanne Blackstone is an incredible volunteer. She is dedicated to our club, our party and most importantly to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am especially proud to present the Golden Corridor Republican Women's Club Volunteer Award to Suzanne Blackstone!"



GCRW 2012 Board and Committee Chairmen

During our November 2011 general meeting held at Fairview Farms, the following slate of GCRW officers and committee members were voted in for the 2012 term.

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Drama and Deadlock in the Super Committee

By Denise McNamara, VP Legislation

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Rumors are swirling that the Super Committee is hopelessly deadlocked, although it is being reported that Republicans have put revenues back on the table. November 23, the day before Thanksgiving, was the deadline for a deficit-cutting deal. Pundits and Washington insiders are breathlessly anticipating what will happen if the Super Committee fails to reach an agreement. According to Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC), "We're still not cutting. Congress refuses to face the crisis."

What will happen if the Super Committee fails? Congress will be forced to make automatically triggered cuts in spending of \$ 1.2 trillion over 10 years. The fact that it is spread out over 10 years makes the cuts fairly painless; but even a \$ 1.2 trillion dollar deficit reduction deal is not enough to prevent another credit downgrade for the United States from AA+ to AA.

Also happening in D.C., H.J. Res. 2 will be debated. This legislation would require a 3/5 vote of Congress to override the balanced budget requirement and to raise the debt limit. It requires the President to submit a balanced budget to Congress annually.

In addition, the House will consider the National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011, which would allow those with concealed carry permits in their home states to carry those weapons in other states that permit concealed carry, as long as state laws are followed.

The Senate, in a 46-52 vote, voted down an effort to repeal Federal Communications Commission rules issued last December to keep the Internet equally accessi-

ble to all users. This defeated a measure that sought to use the Congressional Review Act to void the regulations. The FCC says the rules will preserve "net neutrality" by preventing service providers from offering different levels of broadband service and charging accordingly. Critics say the rules will hamper innovation and that the FCC lacks statutory authority to regulate the Internet.

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Internet Take over by Fed

Source: Grassfire Nation Update

On November 20, 2011, the Federal government officially took control of the Internet through the Federal Communications Commission's Net Neutrality regulations.

The cowardice of our Senate was on full display during the vote to allow Obama's illegal power-grab to stand, by a vote of 46-52. This latest, lawless act by this administration is particularly heinous because the takeover was prompted in part because of widespread Tea Party success...

Certainly you can't expect the liberal media to tell the truth. The fact is, they are praising the move, eagerly parroting administration talking points, and wagging an accusatory finger for trying to stop the fed infiltration!

The truth is Net Neutrality will be used as a weapon to silence both conservatives and Tea Party Americans -- the last remaining obstacles to the Left's implementation of their socialist agenda.

If you would like more information or to sign the petition online at Grassfire.com it is located here:

www.grassfire.com/141/petition.asp

How the EPA May Cost You Thousands

Source: Heritage Foundation

The cost of a new car in America is set to explode, skyrocketing by thousands of dollars, all thanks to a new regulation proposed by President Barack Obama's Environmental Protection Agency and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The EPA's \$157 billion price tag is only an estimate of what manufacturers will have to invest in new technology, not including the billions more that will hemorrhage when their EPA-approved products don't sell because they no longer meet consumer's needs.

We are facing higher-priced vehicles and fewer choices, all at the hands of unelected bureaucrats at the EPA who have never been authorized by Congress to set fuel-efficiency standards for any purpose. That, though, is consistent with President Obama's *modus operandi*--to regulate where he cannot legislate. There is something Congress can and should do: bar the EPA and the NHTSA from implementing and enforcing the new standards by withholding funds or passing a law prohibiting the regulation.

Collin County Lincoln Day Dinner


Source: Keith Self

The keynote speaker for Lincoln Day Dinner is Star Parker, a conservative syndicated columnist. Star Parker brings new energy to policy discussions on government dependency from a conservative perspective, a key component if our nation is to cut federal government spending. The 1992 LA riots destroyed her business, but served to motivate her to conservatism. She appears on many media programs, ran as a 2010 Republican candidate for Congress in California, and has written three books on government dependency.

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TFRW Convention

by Barbara Harrison, Newsletter Editor

The 2011 TFRW Convention was held in Ft. Worth at the Omni and this was my first time to go. It's an amazing experience to hear all the different speakers and gather with Republican women from around the state. The energy in the room was encouraging; and if we will all work, we will bring a Republican swept. Both of our U.S. Senators were there, along with most of the candidates for U.S. Senate. Other state-wide candidates spoke (Railroad Commissioner, Lt. Governor and different representatives), and we were able to visit with them in their booths as well.

The workshops were eye-opening and amazing. Also, Golden Corridor won the Best Newsletter Award for a club over 126 members.



Showing off boots at TFRW are Joleen Reynolds, Kathy Letchworth, Karen Tucker, Bernadette Mussell and Suzanne Blackstone.



GCRW members who were present at the time the photo was taken after the Saturday night banquet Nov 19, 2011 at Texas Federation of Republican Women's Convention in Fort Worth - front row (left to right): Piper McCraw, Candy Noble, Kathy Letchworth, Suzanne Blackstone, Diane Costa; second row: Elizabeth Muzyka, Karin Tucker, Joleen Reynolds, Anna Janis, Barbara Harrison, Sheryl Mills, Irene Wright, Suzanne Chapman; back row Sharron Albertson, Angela Tucker, Bernadette Mussell, Barbara Stauffer, Diann Jones, Joline Tate, Tracy Hancock.

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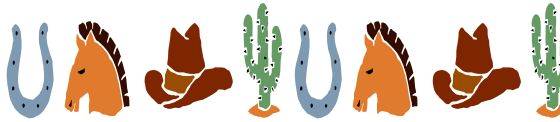
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GCRW members with Attorney General Greg Abbott and his daughter Audrey following his speech at Texas Federation of Republican Women's Convention at the Fort Worth Omni Hotel on Saturday, Nov 19, 2011 - front row (left to right): Sheryl Mills, Suzanne Blackstone, Kathy Letchworth, Attorney General Greg Abbott, Karin Tucker, Elizabeth Muzyka, Candy Noble, Piper McCraw; second row: Joline Tate, Irene Wright, Anna Janis, Barbara Harrison, Audrey Abbott, Barbara Singleton, Tracy Hancock; third row: Sharron Albertson, Diann Jones, Barb Stauffer, Angela Tucker, Bernadette Mussell, Mary Kaye Adams, Joleen Reynolds (Delegates not in picture: Suzanne Chapman, Diane Costa, Denise McNamara, Carol Sewell).



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Christmas Party and What You Need to Know

By D'rinda Randall, Special Events

We are so excited about the Christmas Party this year. Many of us know 2012 will be the most important election of our time. The Christmas party will remind us of the most important event that has ever occurred—the birth of Christ. We must put our faith in Him and not in man and pray for those that don't know Him.

We are thrilled to have two opportunities to “unleash your inner Santa” at this year’s GCRW Christmas Party. The first opportunity is Toys for Tots. Bring your gifts with you to the Christmas party on December 7th. Guidelines for toy donations:

- Donated toys should be new and unwrapped.
- Toys should be appropriate for ages 0-12 years.
- With the exception of bicycles, most toys do not cost more than \$30.

The second opportunity to help

support a Marine family that is going through tough times during Christmas. Sergeant Andrew Litz was serving his third tour in Iraq when his Humvee was hit by a roadside bomb. He lost two close friends that day and he was sent home to recover. Restless and wanting to serve he became a Dallas Police officer. Unfortunately, his seizures became a detriment in his ability to stay employed. Then his wife was laid off right before finding out she was pregnant and then she was diagnosed with cancer. We have chosen to support this family by giving gift cards or money to this family. There will be a box to receive those as well at the Christmas Party on Dec. 7.



GCRW Wish List

In the spirit of the season (and being good stewards of club funds), GCRW is publishing our first-ever Christmas Wish List. We thought that it might be possible that one of our members or friends may be able to donate items currently needed as we move forward into 2012. Please contact Susan Fletcher at president@gcrw.org for more details.

- 1) Portable Projector
- 2) Wireless Handheld Microphone
- 3) Two (2) Large Coffee Makers
- 4) Conservative GOP Administration & Senate Majority in Washington DC !

Many thanks to our wonderful sponsors and members for your continued support which allows us to continue our conservative efforts. We appreciate you!




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Christmas Mission Project

The Collin County Republican Women's Clubs will join together to host Christmas Parties for some of the area nursing home residents. Come celebrate the Christmas Season with our senior citizens. We look forward to having representatives from every club. There will be two opportunities to participate.

North Park Health & Rehab Center

Sunday December 4, 2011
2:00—4:00 p.m.
1720 North McDonald St., McKinney

Heritage Manor Healthcare Center

Sunday December 11, 2011
2:00—4:00 p.m.
1621 Coit Road, Plano

Sponsors include GCRW, Frisco Republican Women, Plano Republican Women, Republican Women of North Collin County and Conner Harrington Republican Women.

We welcome your participation and donated refreshments! The activities directors at the facilities have expressed that they are thrilled to have us come. For further information, call Diann Jones at 972-754-8836.

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